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20 February 1956

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dissemination of NIS to Defense Establishments and  
the Operations Coordinating Board

1. The attached memorandum from the Chairman, NIS Committee, recommends that hereafter "the IAC approve dissemination of NIS to all Department of Defense components and to the Operations Coordinating Board in accordance with their requirements without further reference of their requests to the NIS Committee."

2. The soundness of this recommendation is obvious. Present practice is not based on any requirement laid down by the NSC. In fact, no IAC action is required to put the recommendation into effect since NSCID 1, at paragraph 5, requires IAC concurrence in the dissemination of national intelligence only in cases where dissemination is to be made to a foreign government.

3. Therefore, unless an IAC member perceives some objection to the proposal of the Chairman, NIS, I shall notify him to implement it effective 1 March 1956.

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CC: Chairman, NIS Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee  
FROM : Chairman, NIS Committee  
SUBJECT : Dissemination of NIS to Defense Establishments

1. The three IAC agencies of the Department of Defense, Army, Navy, and Air Force, now receive all NIS on all areas on a continuing basis in accordance with their requirements. However, the Office of the Secretary of Defense is not listed as an IAC agency and NIS requirements of that Office and its components, such as the National Security Agency and the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, are presently being considered on an individual basis under procedures which require NIS Committee approval of each specific request. Certain limited dissemination of NIS to the Department of Defense non-IAC components has been requested, and approved, and the authorized dissemination is set forth in Part II of IAC-D-45/12 (Revision 5). Approval of a request for additional NIS on a continuing basis requires a revision of the IAC directive in each instance. The same situation prevails with respect to the Operations Coordinating Board.

2. In recognition of the responsibilities of these agencies for national security, and their need for NIS in carrying out their assigned functions, it is the consensus of the NIS Committee that their NIS requirements should be fulfilled under the same procedures as apply to the IAC agencies.

3. Accordingly, it is recommended that the IAC approve dissemination of NIS to all Department of Defense components and to the Operations Coordinating Board in accordance with their requirements without further reference of their requests to the NIS Committee.

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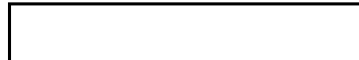
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4. Approval of the recommended change in dissemination procedure will require amendment of Part II, IAC-D-45/12 (Revision 5) by removal of all reference to the following listed agencies:

Defense

Assistant Secretary (International Security Affairs)  
Assistant Secretary (Research and Development)  
National Security Agency  
Weapons Systems Evaluation Group  
Operations Coordinating Board



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